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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Schwarz et al.

Application No.: 09/424,498

Filed: November 24, 1999

For: PHARMACEUTICAL  
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Examiner: H. Schnizer

Art Unit: 1653

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph as the first paragraph on page 1:

-This application is the U.S. national phase of PCT/EP98/03090 filed May 26, 1998, which claims priority from the Austrian application A 917/97, filed May 28, 1997.-

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Please replace the first paragraph on page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph: